

# The Asthma Hospital Patient Education, Action Plan, and Discharge (AHEAD) Protocol Training and Funding Opportunity

**Award amount:** Value of up to **\$5,000** will be awarded, including cash and equipment, such as a spirometer

**Grant period:** 1 year

**Who can apply for the sub-award?** Emergency department (ED) or urgent care clinic staff that work with patients who experience asthma exacerbations. Applicants can be individual staff members or a team of committed individuals.

**Goal:** To improve health outcomes for asthma patients who visit the emergency department and reduce overall asthma-related healthcare costs over time.

*Asthma affected an estimated 90,600 Montana residents in 2012, and every year 4,500 hospitalizations with a primary or secondary diagnosis of asthma occur in the state.*

*Many asthma patients in Montana do not receive evidence-based healthcare or education to learn how to self-manage their disease.*

*By following evidence-based guidelines and providing asthma self-management education, you can empower your patients to better control their disease.*

**In return for project deliverables, the Montana Asthma Control Program will provide:**

1. An **award that values up to \$5,000** to be used on medical equipment, such as a spirometer, additional training in an EHR system, attending training sessions, etc.
2. At least **one brief educational session** on guidelines-based treatment and discharge for asthma patients, **approved for continuing education credits**, free of charge.
3. Support for a **quality improvement project** to focus on incorporating guidelines-based care into existing workflow.
4. Support for at least one staff member in becoming a certified asthma educator by providing **access to our lending library of materials and our mentorship network**.
5. A **scholarship** for at least one staff member to attend the **Association of Asthma Educator's training** (location TBD).
6. Upon completion of the program, grantees will receive a **certificate of completion** and a sample press release to use as they see fit.

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